



## PROCLAIMS HOLY WAR

### ARMENIANS MURDERED

### Tartars Slay Hundreds While Rest Must Become Moslems.

### CHRISTIANS ARE IN DANGER

Where Savage Tartar Chiefs Lead Their Barbarian Hosts Towns Are Looted and Burned and Population Slain Regardless of Sex.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—A holy war has been proclaimed in the Caucasian districts of Zangezur and Jebrail where Tartars are massacring the Armenians without distinction of sex or age. The country is swarming with bands of Tartars under the leadership of their chief. Many thousands of Tartars have crossed the Perso-Russian frontier and joined the insurgents in destroying Armenian villages. At the village of Minkend, 300 Armenians were slaughtered.

Dispatches say that mutilated children were thrown to the dogs, and that a few survivors were forced to embrace Islamism in order to save their lives. Naphatha firms are cut off from the delivery of oil fuel to the shipping companies, which are now confronted with the necessity of suspending their services and discharging their employees, which would result in leaving thousands with no means of subsistence.

The salt works at Baskunchak have been obliged to close owing to the scarcity of fuel, and this will paralyze the fishing industries.

### DEATHS FROM LIGHTNING

Portland, Sept. 12.—A special to the Oregonian from Woodburn Oregon says: The electric storm of eighteen hours duration ended here this morning. Two barns near Silverton were struck and burned.

At Champoe a boy named Eldridge was struck by lightning and killed.

It is also rumored that a woman hop picker from Portland was struck by the lightning near Hubbard and died this afternoon.

### FIRST TRAIN AT GOLDFIELD

Goldfield, Nev., Sept. 12.—The first train over the Goldfield road arrived here

## LAST LINK IN CAPE TO CAIRO RAILWAY COMPLETED

Victoria Falls, East Africa, Sept. 12.—The bridge over the Zambesi river was formally opened today in the presence of visiting members of the British Association.

Professor Darwin in his opening speech commanded upon the remarkable achievement which permitted a party traveling in electric lighted saloon cars to visit the place which here is ex-

late last night. At the depot an immense crowd of citizens was present to witness the important event fraught with so much importance to the industrial development of the district. A big celebration will be held during the last three days of the week to mark the advent of the railroad.

### SHOT BY MISTAKE.

W. Dockings Mistaken Companion for A Deer and Kills Him With Buckshot Victoria, B. C., Sept. 12.—W. Dockings, while shooting with Bull Rombaugh, a comrade, at Braden mountain, near here, on Sunday, mistook Rombaugh for a deer and fired a charge of buckshot at him, wounding him in the throat. Rombaugh will recover. miles on his back before a vehicle was secured to take him to a hospital.

### CANDIDATE SELECTED.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 11.—John S. Partridge a deputy in the office of the city attorney long is to be the republican leagues candidate for mayor at the coming municipal election.

His selection was ratified tonight at a caucus of the league delegates. It is expected that Partridge will be endorsed by the democrats.

### MANY VOTERS DISAPPEAR.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—The total number of voters in Philadelphia according to the September canvass is 339,900 a decrease of 35,810 compared with the canvass made in May prior to the gas lease fight.

### BASEBALL SCORES.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Oakland, 0 San Francisco, 6.

## RELATIONS ARE STRAINED

### Ministers of Roumania and Greece are Recalled.

Roumania, Has Refused to Compensate Greece For Maltreatment of Citizens and Insult to Flag Which was Burned By Rioters.

Bucharest, Roumania, Sept. 12.—The relations between the governments of Greece and Roumania have become decidedly strained.

M. Tombazis, Greek minister here, has left the country on an unlimited leave of absence after receiving a note from the Roumanian government, which sent orders to the Roumanian minister at Greece, M. Chica to leave Athens.

The cause of the trouble between the governments is a refusal by Roumania of the demand of Greece for compensation to those who suffered by the pillage of Greek shops and the maltreatment of Greek subjects during the recent demonstrations here and for the burning of a Greek flag by the demonstrators at Gurgevo.

The Greek government also complained of the general insecurity of the Greeks in Roumania, several of them having been expelled.

## DASTARDLY CRIME

### CHLOROFORM IS USED

### Two Children are all but Smothered to Death.

### MEANEST THIEF IN OREGON

Employees the Dangerous Soporific Upon Little Girls and When It Fails, Endeavours to Hire Them to Steal Fathers Money—Caught Red Handed.

Portland, Sept. 12.—Frank Schurtz was arraigned today before the municipal court on a charge of having tried to chloroform an entire family, of five persons in an attempted burglary.

The home of Jacob Busch, a black smith, who was reported to keep a large sum of money in the house was entered, but the marauder was frightened away by the outcries of Busch's two little daughters who were awakened while being chloroformed.

Schurtz was identified by Busch and his daughters and by a druggist who sold him the chloroform.

The family was saved from possible death and from robbery through the bravery of two little girls.

The story connected with the attempted crime is dramatic in every detail. Schurtz, who is 38 years of age, is employed by the Oregon Transfer company. He resides at 330 Seventeenth street, the house stands but a few feet from the Busch home. Mr. Busch is a blacksmith, and it is neighborhood gossip that he always keeps "lots of money" in his home. On the night of September 3, when the attempt at robbery was made, he had \$250 in his house.

The burglar entered the bedroom of Elizabeth Busch and Freda Busch, aged 14 and 11 years respectively. Entrance was gained through the open bed room window, which is but a few feet from the bed in which the two young children were sleeping. The window faces the Schurtz house.

The child Freda was the first to awaken. She says she felt a smothering sensation. When she awoke sufficiently to realize what had happened she was horror-stricken at seeing a man standing by her bedside holding her head with his hand. In telling of her thrilling experience this morning she said:

"When I awoke and found a man holding my head, I was so badly frightened that I did not know what to do. I wanted to call father, but I did not know where I was. I cried: 'Get out of there!'"

"That awoke my sister, who was sleeping with me. The man let loose of me and went to the foot of the bed. I was awakened by something pressing tightly on my head, and I felt something over my face. Father tells me it was a bottle up to my nose. I don't know what it was."

From this point Elizabeth, her sister, told of the startling affair. She said:

"When I was awakened by Freda screaming, I smelt something peculiar. I screamed when I saw a man in our bedroom. I cried: 'Who is there?' I got no answer, and by that time I was wide awake, and I saw that it was Schurtz. I made a mad grab for him and caught him by the trousers. He pulled away from me and went to the foot of the bed. I said: 'I am going to call father.'"

He replied: "If you do, Lizzie, I will punch you, go get me the money. I suppose he intended to kill me. I then

knew the man was Schurtz because he called me Lizzie. I screamed and ran from my room into father's bedroom. Just as I left to get father the man went out of the window. When father came the man was out of sight. Father called to Mr. Munger, the druggist, just across the street, and he said that about half an hour previous to that Schurtz had purchased an ounce of chloroform from him."

Mr. Busch after the two little girls said: "My daughters are positive that it was Schurtz in the bedroom. The night following, some one tried to get into the house through the same window. The noise at the window awoke the girls and they gave the alarm. I ran out of the house and saw a man running around the rear of Schurtz' house. He disappeared suddenly. He looked like Schurtz. The man who was in the bedroom on the first night wore blue overalls, but did not have on a mask. "Under threat he commanded my oldest daughter, Elizabeth, to get my money. She was brave enough to defy him and ran to call me. I think we have a strong case against him."

### SALMON OUTLOOK IS GOOD.

British Columbia Reports Sockeyes Plentiful at Spawning Grounds.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 12.—J. P. Babcock, fishery commissioner for British Columbia, who returned today from an exhaustive examination of the spawning grounds, spoke most optimistically regarding the outlook for sockeyes four years hence as large numbers reached the headwaters of the Fraser River to spawn. He says that in the intervening three years catches will be small.

## WOULD SEE PRESIDENT

### Crank Claims to Be Coal Agent for New York.

Is Arrested By Secret Service Officers and Upon Being Searched the Only Thing Discovered Is a Forged Permit To Carry a Revolver.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 12.—Issac Schamaus a Russian Jew, twenty years old was arrested here this afternoon and sent to Mineola, L. I. to be examined as to his sanity. The arrest was made by a secret service officer on complaint of the guards of the president. Schamaus arrived here from New York and had an interview with Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the president.

He desired to see the president and talk about the price of coal.

He said he was the general coal agent of Greater New York.

Barnes recognized that Schamaus was the man who had recently written a letter and sent two telegrams to the president on the subject of the price of coal and informed him that it would not be possible to arrange an interview for him at the moment.

Later the secret service agent placed Schamaus under arrest. He made no objections to accompanying the secret service men to the office of Justice Franklin, where he answered questions rationally until coal was mentioned. Then he began to deliver an address on the question of the alleged oppression of the people by the coal magnates. In the course of his remarks he declared that the time would come when the people would have liberty without the restraint of law, as laws were unnecessary.

When Schamaus was searched at Mineola as permit to carry a revolver signed by Captain Lantry of the New York police force was found on him but it was soon discovered to be a forged one.

## BATTLE SHIP WRECKED

### MAGAZINE EXPLODES

### Mikassa, Admiral Togo's Flagship Sinks in Harbor.

### TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE

Japan's Most Powerful Battleship Carries Crew of 500 Men With Her to Bottom of Sasebo Bay As Result of Explosion—Togo Not Aboard.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—The Japanese battleship Mikasa was sunk by the explosion of her magazine today. The loss including those who were drowned from the rescue boats is probably 500 men.

This disaster has cast a gloom everywhere. For the Mikasa, as Admiral Togo's flagship was endeared to hearts of the people. The ship was at anchor in Sasebo Harbor when a fire started at the base of the main mast at midnight, and spread with great rapidity, exploding the after magazine in about half an hour after the fire was discovered.

The Mikasa sank in shallow water and it is believed the ship can be repaired.

Rescuing parties were sent from the various warships in the harbor and there were heavy casualties among them. Admiral Togo was not on board at the time.

The origin of the fire is unknown and an investigation is now being held to determine the cause.

The Mikasa was one of the largest and most powerful vessels in the Japanese navy. She was built at Barrow, England, and was launched in 1902. She had a displacement of 13,200 tons, and her speed was 18½ knots, with 16,431 indicated horsepower. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch, fourteen 6-inch, twenty twelve-pounders, eight pounders and eight millimeter guns.

In the battle of the sea of Japan the Mikasa was the heaviest loser of the Japanese ships, having 63 killed and wounded. She led the Japanese fleet into action and approached nearer to the Russians than any other battleship. The Mikasa was also the flagship of Admiral Togo after the great naval battle fought off Port Arthur on August 10, 1904, on which occasion the Japanese flagship also suffered the most but continued in the fighting line. On that occasion the Mikasa had four officers and twenty-nine men killed, six officers and twenty-nine men severely wounded and four officers and twenty-nine men slightly wounded.

### VOLCANO STILL ACTIVE.

Lava Is Flowing from Several Extinct Crates in Samo Islands.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Among the

passengers who arrived today on the liner Sierra was J. F. Brim, a Mormon missionary from Samoa who a few days before joining the Sierra at Tutuila visited the scene of the great volcanic eruption on the island of Savaii. The eruption was still active when he came away. The lava which was still flowing, had covered a distance of four miles.

The eruption occurred in a mountain behind the district of Nataute. About three o'clock, a. m. of August 21, the natives and missionaries for ten miles around were awakened by the terrific booming. Investigation showed three volcanoes on the Matakaute slope in full action. An old volcano, 20 miles away, has also awakened from a long slumber and is once more in full eruption.

The town of Safotu is menaced by the flow.

### ENVOYS SAIL FOR HOME

New York, Sept. 12.—The party of Russian peace commissioners headed by M. Witte sailed today for home.

### BURGLARS ROBE STORE.

Hope Idaho, Sept. 21.—Burglars entered the store of J. M. Jeannott, last night taking 150 suits of clothing, knives razors, jewelry, etc., which were valued at \$1,000.

## FINLANDERS ARE ARMING

### People are Searched, Authorities Seize 5,000 Rifles.

When Unnamed Steamer Was Boarded Sunday the Customs Authorities Were Met By Armed Men and Given Choice of Leaving Or Being Blown Up.

Helsingfors, Sept. 12.—The customs authorities today seized 5,000 rifles in the possession of the people in the neighborhood of Jakobseid, on the Gulf of Bothnia, which are believed to be from the unnamed steamer which was sunk by its crew Sunday.

Further details of Sunday's affair show that when the customs officers boarded the steamer they were received by twenty of the crew armed with revolvers.

The chief customs officer after negotiations lasting an hour was told that he and his fellow officers had the alternative of leaving the ship or being blown up with her.

### YELLOW FEVER REPORT

New Orleans, Sept. 12.—Official report up to 6 p. m., New cases 43, total 2,370; Deaths 3, total 319; Under treatment 314.

## FREIGHT HANDLERS DEMANDS REFUSED BY RAILROADS

Chicago, Sept. 12.—The demands of the members of the freight handlers union for increased wages was refused by the railroad companies today.

The news of the refusal of the General Managers to grant the increase demanded and their declination to hold a conference was received angrily by the men.

Notwithstanding the feeling of confidence that there will be no strike the railroad companies are going ahead with their precautionary preparations.

Cots are being hauled to the freight houses and hundreds of men are tentatively hired to take the place of the union men should they vote to strike.